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GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED AFTER YEAR-LONG PROBE

In a multi-jurisdictional effort, law enforcement officers arrested 21 members of the notorious 2-6 Vice Lords gang following a year-long probe into the gang's criminal activities. The arrests began in July 2004 and the final arrests occurred Thursday, May 12, 2005.

The Milwaukee Police Department's Gang Crimes Unit, in conjunction with FBI offices in Milwaukee, Dallas and Oklahoma; the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation and the Milwaukee High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, all worked on the investigation.

These gang members who have been federally indicted are suspected in crimes ranging from homicides, shootings, drug trafficking and weapons violations. They are known associates of a sniper who shot and killed Milwaukee Police Officer William Robertson in 1994. Members of this gang terrorized their neighborhood bounded by N. 20th to N. 27th Streets, W. Lisbon to W. North Avenues.

Some already have pleaded guilty in federal court and are awaiting sentencing. This week alone, 11 suspects made their initial appearances in federal court. Each of the 21 people arrested in this operation faces 10 years to life in prison for their crimes.

Seized during the operation was a total of:

- \$438,163 in cash,
- 4,441 grams of crack with a street value of \$465,000,
- 228 grams of cocaine with a street value of \$23,000 and
- 12 grams of marijuana with a street value of \$125.

Also seized were 11 guns and six vehicles.

"Getting members of this dangerous gang off the streets sends a strong message to other members of similar criminal enterprises that police will not tolerate their activities," said Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty. "With these arrests, 21 people who terrorized City of Milwaukee neighborhoods are in custody and the good citizens of this city can take back their streets."

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